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U de M FEEQ victory on shaky ground

by Sophie Cousineau and Carl Wilson

L'Université de Montréal has voted to join Québec's new student federation, a decision once expected to set a standard for this week's membership vote at McGill.

But charges of voting irregularities may weaken the 'booster' effect.

U de M students voted 54 per cent in favour of joining the Fédération des étudiantes et des étudiants du Québec (FEEQ) on Friday.

But the unofficial 'no' committee plans to challenge the results because 'yes' committee members brought ballot boxes directly into some classrooms.

Though the vote passed quorum, turnout was low — only 17 per cent. According to the 'no' committee, the slim passage of the 'yes' vote combined with this low turnout percentage reflects weak support for FEEQ at U de M.

This may spell bad news for FEEQ fans at McGill. McGill's membership referendum will be held from tomorrow to Thursday.

"It is clear that if a referendum doesn't pass in one of the two major universities voting, McGill and l'Université de Montréal, FEEQ will be extremely difficult to set up," said McGill Students' Society VP External Alex Usher.

The U de M referendum must be formally ratified by an assembly of university department delegates in a special congress to be held next Wednesday.

Usher said even if a challenge to the results came from the 'no' committee, the assembly is likely to discount it, since a majority of the delegates are FEEQ-friendly.

Oppostion hindered

André Cléroux, director of U de M student newspaper *Continuum*, thinks the opposition was hindered by the the U de M student association. "The association refused to give any funding to launch a 'no' campaign," he said.

But association secretary general Cédric Pautel said 'no' committees are never funded and are not part of the electoral structure.

Continuum published an editorial critical of membership in FEEQ last week.

Besides McGill and Université de Montréal, five other universities will be holding referenda on FEEQ membership. Université de Sherbrooke, Bishop's and Université du Québec at Chicoutimi, Trois-Rivières and in Abitibi-Témiscamingue will all hold votes this semester.

'37 Days' end

by Andrea Bain

Radio-Canada turned into a makeshift shanty-town last Thursday, when 25 people gathered at its offices on René Lévesque Blvd. to protest recent welfare legislation.

The demo against reform Bill 37 was the last of 37 days of action against changes to provincial welfare payment structure. Le Comité Logement Centre-sud, a downtown collective organizing around tenant and housing issues, coordinated the protest.

"We've gathered here outside Radio-Canada as a symbolic gesture," said organizer Marlene Dallaire, "because 5000 people were thrown out of their homes on this very site to make way for Maison Radio-Canada."

As commuters and tourists looked on, the protesters pitched seven tents, erected a clothesline and lit a fire in a metal can.

"This is a good way to warm up, just like how the poor warm up over the grates at Place-des-Arts," said Richard St-Pierre of Le front d'action populaire en reamenagement urbain (FRAPPU).

"Today is not the end of our campaign, it's just the beginning," St-Pierre said. "We've challenged Housing Minister Claude Ryan to meet with low-income tenants so he can see the effects of Bill 37 for himself, but to date, there's been no response."

Bill 37 has created three new welfare programs — a financial support program, a work and employments incentives program, and a parental wage assistance program.

Benefits are based on local employment levels and personal participation in the workforce. Benefits may be reduced if a recipient shares an apartment or if a child over 18 works, even in a depanneur at minimum wage.

André Boulerice, Parti Quebecois MNA for the downtown riding of St-Laurier-St-Jacques, represents the riding with the highest unemployment rate and greatest number of low-income tenants in the country.

"This legislation works against the poor," said Boulerice. "You have to look for a job, but 53 000 people lost their jobs last year. And only 10 per cent of the millions of dollars allocated for job creation in Québec have been spent on retraining workers for new jobs. In addition, Québec has a shortage of skilled workers."

Boulerice gave an example of how Bill 37 can affect Québecers.

"A 44-year-old woman came into my office two weeks ago who hasn't been in the workforce for years. She shares an apartment with her 82-year-old mother who is ill and in bed. Her welfare cheque was cut by 33 per cent."

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Flexibility will decide fate of Athletics Complex

by Carl Wilson

Eight years and millions of dollars in student levies later, the fate of the proposed Athletics Complex on Mount Royal now depends on whether McGill will respect community needs.

City officials said last week that construction could proceed when McGill's administration guarantees the Complex will satisfy concerns about green space and public access.

The plan would see a new sports facility built on the east side of the Curry Gym, occupying an additional two-thirds of an acre on the slopes of Mount Royal.

"McGill hasn't proven there's no other option" than the Mount Royal site, city planning director Serge Carreau told *Daily* sources.

His remarks echoed a negative recommendation from the Montréal public consultation bureau this September.

But the city's Executive Committee recently tabled a report leaving room for compromise. Further negotiations with McGill will decide the issue, it said.

"It's not a complete refusal," said city councillor Arnold Bennett. "McGill just has to satisfy the city's conditions."

McGill must prove there will be no impact on Mount Royal Park, and that use of the facilities will not be dominated by students, he said.

The Consultation Bureau's demand for alternative sites was not included in the Executive Committee's report.

MCM is the sporting chance

But McGill Students' Society (SSMU) VP External Alex Usher said the most important condition is a Montréal Citizens' Movement (MCM) victory in the upcoming municipal elections.

The incumbent MCM executive seems intent on seeing the project through "as long as our administration is willing to bend," Usher said, but a new city government would entail at least one more round of public input.

Work on the Complex must begin by June 1, or the $5 million in student fees collected for it since 1982 will go toward renovations of the current Gym facilities. The deadline was set by a student vote last March.

According to Usher SSMU's job is to push the University administration to fulfill the city's requests as quickly as possible.

"We're very serious about it," he said. "There's no time to screw around."

McGill principal David Johnston said he was initially disappointed by the results of the public consultations and, at last Monday's Board of Governors' meeting, he announced he would meet with MCM mayor Jean Doré to express his dismay.

Doré has yet to return McGill's calls, but Johnston is still optimistic. "We'll have a shovel in the ground by Spring," he said.

Will be last development

Should the project proceed, the consultation bureau's report suggested it will be the last mountain development the public allows.

Milton-Parc co-op residents and environmentalists were amongst those who spoke out during consultation meetings.

"The whole issue involves green space," conservationist Jeremy Searle of 'Les Amis de la Montagne' told the *Daily*. "One foot taken away from Mount Royal parkland is too much."

But Johnston and Dubeau both said McGill won't consider another site unless the city refuses this proposal.

However, Johnston did concede the importance of community access.

He said the University is willing to provide changerooms for skiiers and joggers using Mount Royal, and to let the community use the Complex itself during the off season and off-hours.

"The day begins at six-thirty and ends at 12 midnight," said Johnston.

But will late nights and early mornings satisfy local demand? MCM councillor Michel Prescott, who is running for re-election in the Jeanne-Mance district, said he was "very concerned" that the University define the terms of access more clearly.

If the proposal is refused, Arnold Bennett said, the University will have only two options: It could either appeal the proposal to the district advisory council, which would allow public input in two meetings, or integrate the idea into a five-to-seven year development plan for McGill overall.

Such a plan would proceed to the district council, but "I think then there would be more public consultation," Bennett said.

Usher, on the other hand, hopes the consultation process can now be bypassed, and says he suspects the Executive Committee agrees.

Either way, June 1 will be the day for McGill to sweat it out on Mount Royal.

Additional research by Andrea Bain and Susana Bejar.

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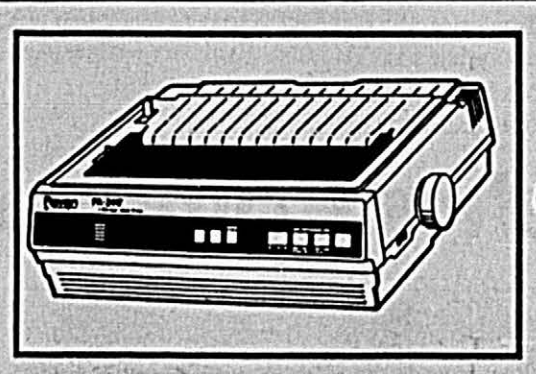

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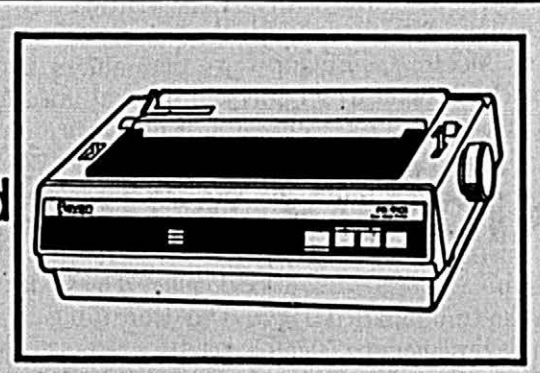

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Daily staff infiltrate Tory romp, nab PM...again

by Jason Prince and Stephanie Conway

White-coated Ritz attendants served pigs-in-blankets to ruby-faced Westmounters at last Thursday's Tory Fundraiser, and all was well with the world.

The tickets ($75 for paying guests) to the Ritz-Carlton event included a measly two free drinks, and a glimpse at the painting of Diana, Roman goddess of the hunt, *aka* Barbara McDougall.

Liberal Senators members now blocking the GST will not succeed, Tory Employment & Immigration minister McDougall assured the small group of party supporters.

"We will not let the mob rule," she declared to the red-faced curmugeons in the Oval Room.

The current government is the most accountable in recent history, by McDougall's reckoning. "I remember what happened 6 years ago, and again 2 years ago: we won, they lost." Her memory trick drew 'oohs' and 'aahs' from the crowd.

But not all was rosy. "In the 1930's, they said 'Tory times are tough times'," said McDougall. "Today we are saying, 'It's tough times for Tories'." Supporters were seen stubbing out their cigars on the carpet.

In support of the unpopular Conservatives, McDougall tried the old 'sincerity' trick. "We believe in our agenda," she told the listening businessmen.

"The Liberal party rammed the national energy program down our throats." (The Tories have, praise be, dislodged the rammed — and profit-generating — item from the national throat, via a privatizeotomy.)

But best of all, the event featured another 'right honourable' surprise visit.

Brian Mulroney was immediately surrounded by the intoxicated Westmount crowd when he appeared at the double doors.

"I just came from St. John's, where I was met by an even smaller crowd of protesters than this," Mulroney said.

"Wow," whispered an anonymous spectator, in awe of the formidable Head of State.

Shocked by Mulroney's authority and appalled by the PM's second local appearance in a week, *Daily* reporters could only reaffirm, "His, his chin... it's so big! His head is so big! He's huge!"

Montréal Women's council examines James Bay project

by Neelam Sandhu

Somehow, everytime Bourassa comes to power there seems to be a need for more electricity.

Members of the Cree Community addressed the Montreal Women's Council on Wednesday, seeking support for their community's opposition to James Bay II.

Matthew Mukash, Community Liason Officer from the Grand Council of Cree Indians, said the James Bay project is more than a native issue.

"Everyone is affected by this project. We must not be victims of a destructive society but fight to ensure that there is no further development," he said.

According to Mukash, Hydro Québec has not fully informed the public about the environmental and economic evils of James Bay II.

For example, wildlife populations will be depleted and fishing will be restricted because of the new construction.

"We have been advised by doctors not to eat fish from the rivers,' he said.

Mukash said the elders of the Cree population are especially hur by the project.

"They regard the land as their mother. Seeing the land stripped by Hydro Québec is like watching their mother being tortured and not being able to do anything about it," he said.

The first James Bay project resulted in a $23 billion debt. Now, Hydro Québec wants to borrow $40 billion to finance the second stage.

"It seems that Hydro Québec owns the province. We must analyse the policies of Hydro Québec and create pressure on the government to find alternatives," said Mukash.

Edna Voyageur, a social worker on the Cree Board, discussed the social implications of the James Bay development.

"The effects upon our people our extremely negative. The hydro-electric development is destroying much of our cultural base."

She said health problems among the Cree are increasing because they have been forced to alter their diet.

"Imagine how you would feel to suddenly find in the midst of your land a huge electricity plan," said Voyageur.

New roads built for the project have opened routes for drugs and alcohol that are being abused by Cree youth, she said.

"Our population is at the mercy of the media. They are adopting negative values. This project translates into a cultual genocide." said Voyageur.

Voyageur urged the public to write the government and express opposition to James Bay II.

NEWS BRIEFS

MACES KEEN ON RACES

McGill's mature and continuing education students are considering membership in FEEQ, according to their association's VP external Daryl Salama.

The association (MACES) has been attending FEEQ meetings since June along with a small number of other peripheral student groups. While a referendum has not yet been discussed within MACES, Salama said "It's on our list." He added that FEEQ is not a high priority issue at the moment.

But when told of the U de M quasi-victory, Salama expressed what could be construed as delight: "That's wonderful news!" He had not been informed of possible election irregularities.

Salama said MACES will be "keenly observing" Students' Society's FEEQ referendum this week at McGill.

STUDSOC COMMITS TO MOHAWK ISSUES

Students' Society may dig into its deep pockets this week to help finance a special book on Mohawk issues coordinated by McGill students.

The SSMU Executive Committee pledged $3500 to the McGill Ad Hoc Committee for Solidarity with Mohawk Nations last Thursday.

Should council ratify the donation, the Ad Hoc Committee will be well on its way to publishing a 32-page information booklet "putting the events of this summer into a larger perspective, in a comprehensive, coherent and accessible way," said Ad Hoc Committee member Brian Schnarch.

The booklet will consolidate information and knowledge now scattered throughout campus in fields like sociology, anthropology, and geography.

"McGill students have a mandate and a responsibility to educate themselves and educate each other. This is an important issue for McGill students to understand," said Schnarch.

The $3500 for the booklet, if approved this week, will be the first expenditure approved from Students' Society's new Social Awarness Fund, reserved for special projects with a social purpose. The total budget for the project is roughly $5500.

"The External Affairs Committee has a fine-sounding statement of principles," said project coordinator Robin Lebaron. "They don't appear to be doing anything very concrete apart from funding our project, but this is a good first step."

Anyone interested in getting involved can phone 270-1820.

McGill grads supported by province against FEEQ

by Kathleen Hickey

McGill graduate students who want autonomy from Students' Society now have the support of Québec's graduate student association.

The sparring between grads and Students' Society (SSMU) at McGill has focused on the issue of membership in the Fédération des étudiantes et etudiants du Québec (FEEQ), and particularly this week's campus-wide referendum on FEEQ membership.

As part of their campaign for independence, McGill grads asked to be excluded from the referendum. When refused, they formed the 'No to FEEQ' committee in protest.

At its October 13 meeting in Sherbrooke, the Regroupement des Associations des Cycles Superieures du Québec (RACSQ), a federation of Québec graduate associations, unanimously adopted a resolution recognizing McGill Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) right to autonomy and supporting their 'No' campaign.

RACSQ also suspended discussions with FEEQ at least until SSMU recognizes graduate students' right to self-determination.

Appeal for undergrad solidarity

Both graduate associations are asking graduates and undergraduates to vote 'No' to FEEQ as a show of solidarity against what they call the "intransigence" of the SSMU.

"We have nothing against FEEQ," said Denis Zerrette, RACSQ president. "The spirit of the resolution is that we want autonomy for grads. This is a serious topic. We are angry about the situation at McGill."

SSMU VP External Alex Usher said RACSQ and PGSS are using pressure tactics that will only hurt them in the end.

"The RACSQ resolution is not the best news to cross my desk in the last six months," he said.

But PGSS VP External Rhonda Mahwood said all she wants is action from SSMU.

"Quebec graduates are 100 percent united in their support for graduate autonomy," she said. "I would like to believe the SSMU is willing to do something but you get very skeptical after awhile here."

Eric Darier, former member of both PGSS and FEEQ executives, resigned from FEEQ over the issue. Darier is not on the 'No' committee, but does support its stand.

"SSMU must acknowledge grads at McGill have a right to decide which student group will represent them," he said.

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"Every time there's a car accident, the GNP goes up."
- Ralph Nader

COMMENT

Vote 'no'

This week, McGill's Students' Society will decide whether to join the Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants du Québec (FEEQ). Every student has the opportunity to cast a vote over the next three days.

On the surface, it may seem a reasonable proposition. But in context, FEEQ membership is problematic.

The commitment to developing accessibility in Québec, symbolized by the tuition fee freeze, has recently been abandoned. Last year, students across the province tried to counter this development, but the government paid no heed. Now, the Québec student movement is in crisis, without consensus on possible solutions.

FEEQ's response is inadequate. Their 'New Partnership', in which students, corporations and governments supposedly 'share the burden', is blinkered to economic and political realities. Inevitably the least powerful of the 'partners', the student population, will lose out.

If education is to be healthy and relevant, reformers must do exactly what FEEQ will not — relate government spending priorities and social structure to the post-secondary system, and 'share the burden' amongst those who can afford it. The 'post-educational tax' FEEQ proposes will not correct the imbalances, nor will it touch accessibility problems grounded in social and cultural conditions.

In addition, FEEQ's 'unity' is betrayed by conflicts with McGill's Post-Graduate Students' Society and RACSQ, the province-wide grad association.

Finally, FEEQ's referendum is ill-timed. The student movement across Québec is torn by internal conflicts.

FEEQ's elder counterpart, ANEEQ, which staved off fee hikes prior to last year, is undergoing a period of fragmentation and reform. By joining FEEQ this fall, McGill will only help to institutionalize one of many factions.

If McGill really wants to "end the isolation," as the FEEQ 'Yes' committee says, it cannot anchor itself to FEEQ, which is driven by only two schools, U de M and McGill.

FEEQ is not concerned with cooperation. It has already walked out of a province-wide meeting this fall over a single issue. We should endorse neither the petulance nor the blindness reflected in that action. We should vote 'no' to the FEEQ referendum.

Dan Robins
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LETTERS

Is Mary-Margaret in the wrong town?

To the Daily:

I found myself more than just a little disturbed upon reading Mary-Margaret Jones' letter to the *Daily* (October 18). Being a native Montréaler, I entered McGill University on the assumption that its student body would reflect the city. Since Ms. Jones is an elected representative of the student body, it obviously does not. I didn't think we'd all be "leftist-artsy-radicals," nor did I expect to find thousands of conservative SSMU representatives. I simply thought that the McGill student body would have open minds and open hearts.

Maybe you don't agree with what the *Daily* has to say. Fine. However, the least you could do is argue in a rational manner. The *Daily* may publish radical material, but they present it in a comprehensive and often humourous fashion (the infamous crossword puzzle comes to mind). As for the attacks on Ms. Morisset, I think any *Daily* staffer would agree that she is not solely responsible for the grievous state of the SSMU. Since she is president, though, she must take a good portion of the heat. Hey, it comes with the job.

I probably took offense with Ms. Jones' letter because I am one of those "leftist-artsy-radicals" that she so obviously despises. Yes, I do give a "flying crap." I consider myself to have a mind open to all viewpoints, and a heart capable of empathy, particularly with those 1200 students who are learning more about reality this year than Ms. Jones will ever know.

Mary-Margaret, if you want an airbrushed picture of the SSMU, read the *Tribune*. If you must insist on venting your spleen, try to do it in a manner befitting a product of higher education. Read the *Daily* with an open mind - you might learn something.

All I know is this: If Mary-Margaret Jones has a "grip on reality", then reality is something I want no part of.

Shawn Phelan
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Jones offends intelligence

To the Daily:

Re: Letter to the editor, Thursday, October 18, 1990, "Flying Crap."

Ms. Jones' whiny letter to the editor was obviously written in a flurry of passion (from the rush of completing the crossword puzzle in less than 10 seconds?) because it is want of reason and any intelligent criticism. She demands that the *Daily* "get a bloody grip on reality." Well, Ms. Jones, let's take a closer look at reality. The *Daily* does not "assume that the student body hates SSMU council," it reports and critiques student politics on campus. You don't have to agree with their conclusions, in fact I question the value of a student newspaper that is so benign that it avoids contentious issues and pleases all students.

I doubt that the *Daily* believes that "Ms. Morisset is solely responsible for the $24 000 allocated for the info kiosk." Of course financial decisions are not left up to her alone; perhaps your criticism should read that the *Daily*'s crossword puzzle was simply not big enough to fit in all the names of the people who are responsible. This aside, Morisset was elected to a hierarchical organization of which she is the leader and therefore she must be held accountable for all council and executive decisions. (Let's not be naive, this is politics.) Whether she wanted "all the 1200 students affected by the tuition fee hike to not be able to go to school this year" or not is irrelevant. Her actions suggested otherwise.

Without the campus newspapers reporting on SSMU's dealings, how would the student body know what their paid executives are doing "for" them? I find it totally offensive that Ms. Jones suggests that the *Daily* is irresponsible in any way for reporting on campus politics. Ms. Jones' letter is naive and I fear that she has "offend(ed) the intelligence of the student population."

Tamara Myers
PhD 4 History

P.S. Ad hominem (noun, 3rd declension, accusative singular)

Vomit

To the Daily:

I would like to comment on Colin Krivy's article "Pillar Suffers from Infantilism and Shaky Foundations". I found it disgustingly tasteless and pathetic. To create a literary journal from ground zero requires much time, dedication and effort. Perhaps Krivy was unaware of that. This disturbed me.

The fact remains that there were people who displayed keen interest init. The fact remains that there were people who spent their summers working on it. To condemn such 'amateurish' attempts is wrong. Their intentions deserve applause - not criticism.

What were *your* intentions, Mr. Krivy? Or was the whole thing simply an excuse to vomit private hatred?

Anne Yu
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President, Arts and Science Undergraduate Society

A sick administration

To the Daily:

Not only does it appear that the Medical Building is "sick", but could it also be that the administration of McGill is "sick" also. From the information presented in your article on the McIntyre Medical Building it looks like McGill has its own Love Canal. When will Mr. Woods, the Safety Officer, and the administration realize that this is a problem that is affecting all the employees in the building. Will it be when the female employees have children with rare blood disorders or so many miscarriages that it appears they will never have children? Or will it be when they are faced with a million dollar lawsuit?

Why don't they clean up the problem now with the money they'll spend on lawsuits later? I bet if it was the James Administration Building that had bad ventilation causing possible health damage it would be cleaned up without a fuss.

Don't jeopardize your employees AND students with the unknown. Act now or it might be too late!

Jennifer Embry
Arts U1

HYDE PARK

Malade Sur Pied

Opinion by Joanne Pickle.

People with HIV are suffering unnecessarily and dying more quickly because of government inaction. Despite repeated demands the provincial government has done nothing to make medications and treatments more accessible for people with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus- linked to AIDS) who are not either hospitalized or on welfare.

Since November 1988, CPAVIH (Comité des personnes atteintes du VIH/Committee for People with HIV) has been demanding that HIV be included in the administrative category "Malade Sur Pied". Under the program people with other conditions- such as tuberculosis, cystic fybrosis, cancer, insipid diabetes, etc...- pay only $2 per treatment per month in outpatient clinics, for all the medication they require.

CPAVIH is demanding equal access to the "Malade Sur Pied" program so that people with HIV can finally have access to the treatments they so desperately need. The latter often do not have the financial means necessary to afford the high cost of the medication that their condition necessitates and HIV and AIDS are rarely covered by private health insurance policies. People with HIV are left with few alternatives. They are forced to either collect welfare to receive medication at a reduced cost or go without treatments that would prolong and improve the quality of their lives.

When the government argues that the cost of covering treatments for HIV related illnesses is too high, it is but transferring the burden from the Ministry of Health and Social Services to the Ministry of Labour and Income Security. Having to collect welfare in order to be able to afford medication is not a solution.

CPAVIH and ACT UP Montreal are joining to demand that people with HIV have equal access to the "Malade Sur Pied" program so that people with HIV can finally benefit from medication that will improve and prolong their lives. CPAVIH and ACT UP Montreal will hold a demonstration in front of the office of the minister of Health and Social Services (6161 St. Denis, metro Rosemont) today at 11 am.

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A traveller's guide to Peter McGill district

This is the first in a series of profiles of municipal districts that may be of interest to McGill students when voting. Between now and the November 4 elections we will compile information on the Jeanne Mance, Plateau Mont-Royal, Mile-End, Saint-Henri and Saint-Jacques districts.

by Michael Dolenko

Montréal's downtown core is in danger of becoming an inner-city wasteland, say social activists and candidates in the Peter McGill district.

A population troubled by housing, traffic, poverty, recycling and police-community relations problems lives in the riding roughly bounded by Atwater, de Bleury, Remembrance and Saint-Antoine streets.

Hot issues

• *Housing control*

Most residents rent, so real estate development and rent controls are concerns. There's been a freeze on conversion of rental units to condominiums since 1975, but there have been hints this might change.

• *De-urbanization*

Many fear that the downtown riding of Peter-McGill is becoming inhospitable. Some blame Montreal Citizen's Movement (MCM) policies for creating a core where people come to work, not live:

"We're witnessing a doughnut effect, where people are moving to the suburbs and leaving the center empty," says Municipal Party candidate Nick Auf de Maur. Other candidates support his view.

"Peter-McGill is a transitory riding," says Democratic Coalition candidate Pierre Corbeil. "When people have enough money, they move to the suburbs. The poor and socially disadvantaged get left behind."

• *Traffic*

High-volume downtown traffic is a problem. Bob Silverman of Le Monde a Bicyclette says the riding is "automobile hell". The traffic makes it dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians and clogs the roads for buses, he says. (Silverman is also a candidate for Ecology Montréal in the Laurier District.)

• *Recycling*

Currently, the riding has communal bins at the corner of Fort and Tupper. Ecology groups like Action Montréal Vert want curbside pick-up of recyclable materials. Montréal is years behind the efforts of its suburbs and other cities, its reclaiming rate on recyclable material far below average, and the downtown may well be the last on the program's list.

• *Poverty*

The downtown core is also the site of growing social problems such as poverty and hunger, says Sun Youth director Sid Stevens.

"Sidewalks and transportation are issues but when people are lining-up at food banks, something has to be done," says Stevens.

• *Police-Community relations*

Last summer's police brutality against lesbian and gay demonstators at Police Station 25 has left strained relations between the lesbian and gay community and the police.

Ricardo Duarte of Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia says such incidents must never happen again. "I'd like to see a lesbian and gay representative on the MUC police advisory committee," he said.

• *Consultation*

Critics of the MCM say the administration promised to open up city government to citizens but has made scant progress. The public wasn't consulted when the Velodrome was transformed into a Biodome, there are no referendums in the city, and most of council's important decisions are made behind closed doors by the seven-member executive committee.

Downtown residents are particularly concerned about the consultation process on the district's Master Plan, which critics say opens the way to wind tunnels and looming darkness.

• *Student Issues*

McGill students should be concerned about housing, safety in the ghetto and the Athletics Complex, says Students' Society VP Alex Usher. Usher adds that because students "don't vote a hell of a lot., they aren't in a position to make the issues." Many 'ghetto' residents are ineligible to vote because they haven't lived in the riding for a year prior to the election.

Meet The Candidates

There are five candidates running in Peter-McGill and two of them (Nick Auf de Maur and Arnold Bennett) are incumbents. This odd situation is a result of a re-drawing of the electoral map that reduced the number of municipal seats from 58 to 50.

Neither of the major leftist opposition groups, Ecology Montréal and the Democratic Coalition, are fielding candidates in the McGill area. Perhaps their intention is to avoid splitting progressive Arnold Bennett's vote, lest Nick Auf der Maur capture the district.

Nick Auf de Maur (Municipal Party)

Last term he sat as an independent. Auf de Maur was a founder of the MCM in 1974. He says his changing allegiances occur because "if there's one thing I despise it's toeing the party line."

But his critics say it's because he has no strong ideals. A journalist by trade and a barhopper by inclination, Auf de Maur says the solution to the decay of downtown Montreal is a lower business tax to keep jobs and workers in the riding. The Municipal Party proposes lifting restrictions on condo conversion but promises protection for tenants.

Auf Der Maur,gets a lot of attention because his name is in print, but many say there's little substance behind the syllables.

Quote: "The MCM pisses me off... I thought they were all snivellers so I left."

Arnold Bennett (MCM)

Bennett's main area of concern is tenants' rights. He says he's adamantly opposed to condo conversion, and he sided against his party in 1988 when it evicted tenants on Overdale Street, supposedly to build condominiums. (The condos still aren't built.)

A translator and social activist by profession, Bennett's housing hotline has helped thousands of tenants. Critics say he's a single-issue candidate, but Bennett maintains affordable housing leads logically to high-quality downtown living in every respect. Many regard Bennett as the MCM's most (if not only) trustworthy councillor.

Quote: "I'm not making any promises. I'm just going to continue doing what I already do."

Pierre Corbeil (White Elephant Party)

Corbeil says his party is left-wing democratic and environmentalist. Corbeil wants to use council as "a platform for ordinary people." This publicist and personnel agent wants to restrict traffic in the riding, improve North-South public transit, and convert parking lots into mini-parks and student co-op housing.

Quote: "We use humour to characterize our opponents, but we're not only jokers. The real jokers are at City Hall right now."

William Crone (Civic Party)

Crone's party ruled Montréal in the Drapeau years, but now sees itself as a reform movement. They pledge to reduce business and property taxes by 10 per cent, put police back on foot patrols, and convert abandoned construction sites into parks. Crone, an engineer, despises highrises and says more commercial development could destroy the riding. He wants to build a multicultural center on Police Station 25's parking lot.

Quote: "The city wastes millions every year on advisors. These people are getting the door."

Jose Di Bona (Independent)

Di Bona wants to maintain the character of the riding through reasonable rents, more effective public transportation and social programs run by the people who use them. Di Bona envisions city-sponsored shelters for the homeless and co-operative day-care. He also wants a better recycling program and more green space.

Quote: "Politicians shouldn't be professionals who are working to collect paycheques. Citizens should take care of politics."

The *Daily* Municipal Elections issue comes out on Halloween. Come to a contributor's meeting today at 15h in Union B-03.

DISRUPTIVE ELEMENTS

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Here in 'Longtitude 74', we have mini-Ernst Zundels festering in Chateauguay trying to exploit the frustration of residents.

A **Ku Klux Klan** pamphlet (from the 'Bureau de Montréal') is circulating the area, polluting the gutters. For those not in the know, 'Longtitude 74' designates the 'Territoire du Quebec'.

The claims of *'votre Klavern local'* epitomize the most simpleton prejudices and dim rationalizations. For instance:

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RACIST GOONS IN NDG

On Friday night about 1h00, a Trinidadian youth was attacked by two 'rockabillies' (normally identified with anti-violence) on the 90 bus at Vendôme métro.

The goons uttered some racial epithets, saying "Damn Packi!" before beating the kid with billy bats. They then jumped off the bus and walked casually away, but not without stopping at the window to threaten the youth again. "Hey man, you're dead," they sneered.

No arrests were made, and the police report didn't mention the attackers' racial motivations.

THE ZIG-ZAG PAPER PEOPLE

Hash smokers have been in a frenzy lately as regular dealers were hard to find, and substitutes were reluctant to deal with anyone new (suspicions of narcs abound). But things seem to have returned to normal; there are fewer aimless people wandering the streets saying 'got any hash?'.

And the acid market has increased distribution since the beginning of September after the summer had die-hards making the voyage to Ottawa for the great carpet ride.

In a related event, a dealer in the 'blocs' area of Ste-Catherine has reportedly been marked for death. It seems, in emulation of corporate strategies, another dealer tried to secure a monopoly on the neighbourhood - estimated to be worth at least $5000 a night. (By the by, *les blocs* are situated four blocks east of St. Laurent.)

Public Service Announcement: Drugs exist — people use them. And abuse them. Prohibition didn't work; neither will zero tolerance.

OVER-HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD

• It takes a certain type of personality to approach two sort-of suspicious-looking strangers and say, 'Well, you're looking fine and suspect this evening.'

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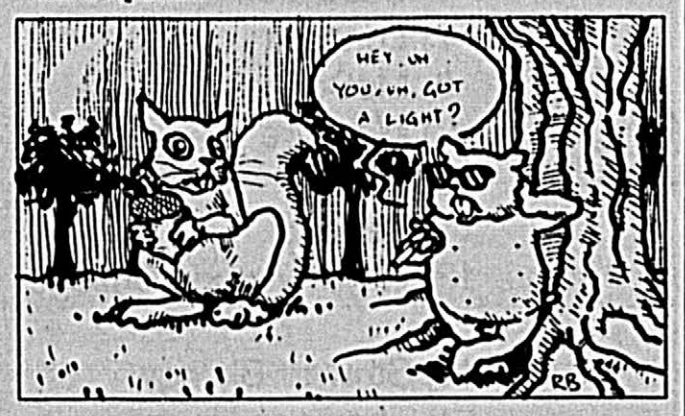

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Disarmament Week focuses on Nitassinan

by Erik Rutherford

Twenty military planes, flying 900 km/h just 30 metres from the ground, pass over the Innu communities of Nitassinan every day. Disarmament Week, which began yesterday, is focusing this year on the military's continued razing of Innu life.

Approximately 8000 flights pass over Nitassinan yearly, producing noise that measures about 140 decibels. The testing began ten years ago when Canada signed an agreement with the UK, the Netherlands, and Germany.

In support of the Innu, the Coalition Against NATO in Nitassinan (CoCON) has organized demonstrations and activities in Montréal for the week of October 21 to 28.

"We are opposed to the militarization and low level flying in Eastern Québec and Labrador," said Serge Provencher, a member of the two year old CoCON. Provencher said repeated demands for the Canadian government to respect the Innu way of life have been ignored. Protests began ten years ago.

Last spring, the Innu were spared a NATO military centre scheduled to open on ancestral land when NATO cancelled the project. Protests against the threat of a new base increased public awareness of the low-level testing already underway.

Disarmament Week will culminate in a demonstration on Saturday to be addressed by a variety of speakers. Several Innu people will discuss the detrimental effects of low-level flying on health and the environment.

The rally will march from parc Lafontaine to Champs de Mars, stopping midway where Artifact have painted a mural in support of the Innu. The mural, at Berry and Cherrier, will be the sight of future demonstrations.

"We need as many people as possible to put pressure on the Federal Government," said Provencher.

A group of protesters marching from Halifax to Ottawa in support of the people of Nitassinan will stop in Montréal for the week. A round table discussion will also be held on Saturday at Pavilion Lafontaine, beginning at noon.

Further information about Disarmament Week is available from CoCON, 340-9209.

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7) Leacock	11-16:00	10-16:00	10-16:00
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9) McIntyre		10-16:00	10-14:00
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11) Redpath	11-19:00	10-19:00	10-16:00
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13) Stewart-Biology		10-16:00	10-16:00
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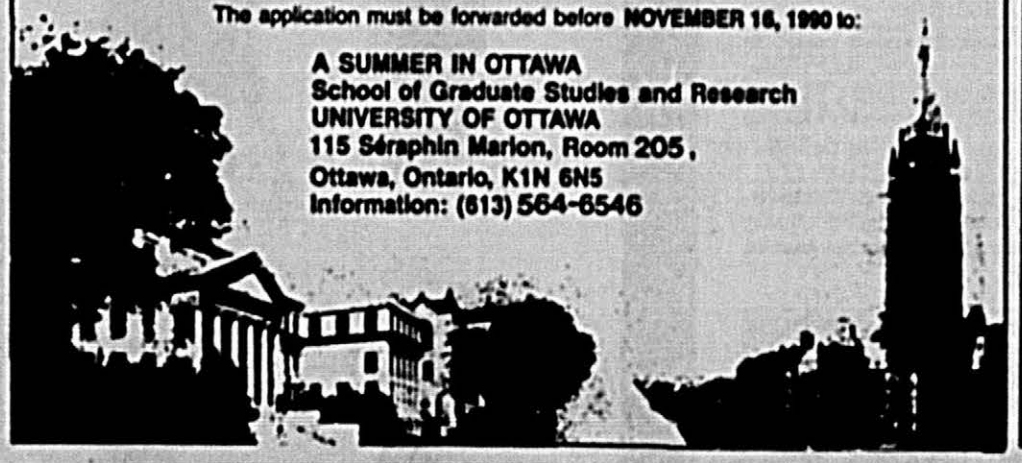

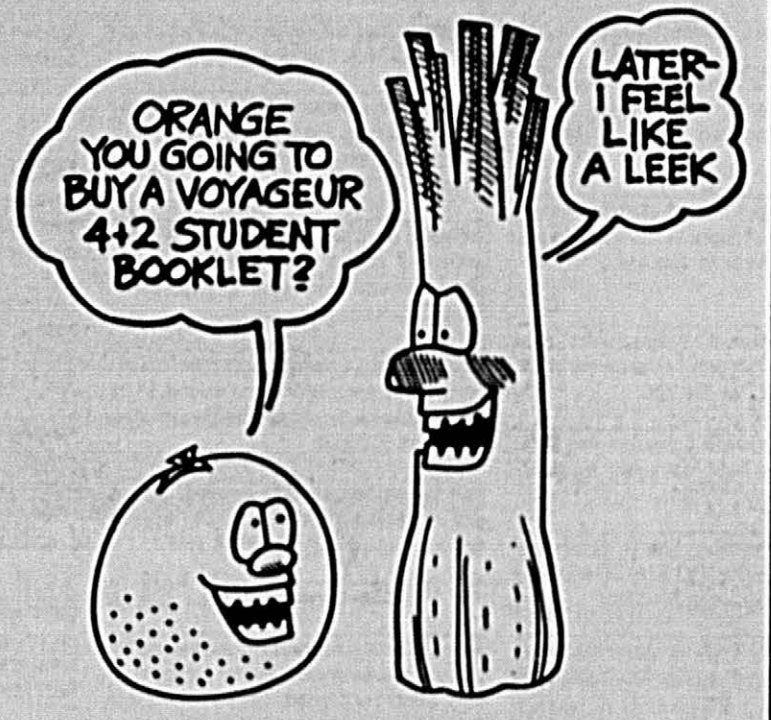

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